

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 Nov 53 20/2130Z	2. LOCATION 36.55N 76.00(Atlantic)
3. SOURCE military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON (RAWIN) Evaluated as a possible RAWIn balloon by CINCLANT.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 mins	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Estimated altitude at 55,000 ft, small egg-shaped, silver in color.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION air visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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11 NBR 206

FROM USAF WASH D.C. 211500Z DEC 1953

TO AMC BRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

REJECT REG A-2 MATTERS

CASSIFICATION BY PBM

ONREES

10 CSAF HEADING

11 ITEM 2 [REDACTED]

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12 ATTACH

13 1045 AFQIN-242

14 THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS RECEIVED FROM AFTRON

15 CA NAVY UNID. DATE-TIME-GROUP 241504Z

16 IT IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFO AND ANY DESI-

17RED ACTION. QUOTE, THIS IS MY AMPLIFYING

18 REPORT NUMBER ONE PRICE CONCERNS BY RADIO

19 REPORT TO AIRCONTROL AND WARNING FORT GUSTIS,

20 VIRGINIA AT 202141Z. SINGLE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

21 LAT 36-55 NORTH, LONG 76-20 WEST, SIGHTED

22 202130Z. LOST LAT 37-12 NORTH, LONG 75-53

23 TEST AT 202145Z. SIGHTED ON COURSE 000 ESTI-

24 MATED SPEED 6000. WHEN LOST, ON COURSE 045,

25 SAME SPEED. VISUAL. ALTITUDE 55,000.

26 OBJECT SMALL, EGG-SHAPED, SILVER IN COLOR.

27 LETTER FOLLOWS TO CINCLANTFLT THROUGH CHAIN

28 COMMAND. END QUOTE

29 FURTHER MESSAGE FROM CINCLANTFLT, DAT-

30 TIME-GROUP 252155Z, TENTATIVELY EVALUATED THE

31 SIGHTING AS A RADAR WEATHER BALLOON.

32 END OF CSAF ITEM 2 [REDACTED]

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END ITEM 2 [REDACTED]

END ATTACH-5

FROM: AFQIN-242

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAPH WAS RECEIVED FROM FERON

AT 021502Z NAVY UNITED, DATE-TIME-GROUP 240 SWAZI

AND IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFO AND ANY DES

IRRED ACTION. QUOTE. THIS IS MY AIRCRAFTING

REPORT NUMBER ONE WHICH CONFIRMS MY RADIO

REPORT TO AIRCONTROL AND WARNING FOR CUSTS,

VERGINIA AT 202141Z. SINGLE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

AT 36-55 NORTH, LONG 76-00 WEST. SIGHTED

021502Z. LOST LAT 37-12 NORTH, LONG 75-28

EST AT 202145Z. SIGHTED ON COURSE 000 DIST

ATED SPEED 1000. WHEN LOST, ON COURSE 045.

SAME SPEED. VISUAL. ALTITUDE 55,000.

OBJECT SMALL, EGG-SHAPED, SILVER IN COLOR.

LETTER FOLLOWS TO CINCLANTFLT THROUGH CHIEF

COMMAND. END QUOTE.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM CINCLANTFLT, DATE

TIME-GROUP 252139Z, TENTATIVELY EVALUATED THE

FIGHTING AS A RAWIN DEETEL BALLOON.

END OF CSAF ITEM 2 [REDACTED]

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75. y. Herald Tribune 11/17/53



Associated Press from United States Air Force

\* The Air Force last night released this first photo of the "Flying Stiletto," dagger-shaped research plane designed to fly at 2,000 miles an hour.

## A. F. Displays 'Flying Stiletto'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (UPI)—The Air Force cautiously lifted the secrecy curtain today from its "flying stiletto," a dagger-shaped research plane designed to fly 2,000 miles an hour at extremely high altitudes.

The jet-propelled craft, the X-3, was built by Douglas Aircraft Co. under sponsorship of the Air Force, Navy and National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. It has been tested at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., for a year but little has been said about its radical shape.

The X-3 resembles nothing else now flying. It has a long, sharply tapered nose and stubby straight wings. It is 66 feet 9 inches long over all, but its wing span is a mere 22 feet 8 inches.

is more  
making it  
a DC-3

air-line transport. But its wing span is less than that of the tail of a DC-3.

Won't  
you  
help the blind  
help themselves

?

Give generously  
to the Lighthouse

Lord & Taylor

NOV 1953 SIGHTINGS  
30 - 15

Folder #1

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
✓ 1	28	Brookley AFB, Colorado
✓ 2	27	Houston, Texas ✓
✓ 3	27	Saudi Arabia ✓
✓ 4	27	Phoenix, Arizona ✓
✓ 5	27	Keflavik ARPT, Iceland ✓
✓ 6	25	Clemson, South Carolina ✓
( ✓ 7 )	21	Kirtland, New Mexico
( ✓ 8 )	21	Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
✓ 9	20	Marietta, Ohio ✓
✓ 10	19	Panama City, Florida ✓
✓ 11	19	<del>Nantucket, England</del> Bermuda <del>33°59'N 55°44'W</del>
✓ 12	19	Island of Corvo ✓ (Azores)
✓ 13	18	Manitowoc, Wisconsin
✓ 14	17	New York City ✓
✓ 15	17	Los Alamos, New Mexico
✓ 16	16	Catalina, California ✓
✓ 17	15	St. Louis, Missouri ✓
✓ 18	15	<del>Watson</del> Long Beach, California ✓
✓ 19	15	McCool Junction, Nebraska ✓

NOV 1953 SIGHTINGS  
1 thru 14

Folder #2

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
✓ 1	14	New Orleans, Louisiana
✓ 2	10	Dayton, Ohio ✓
✓ 3	8	Prince George, B. C. ✓
✓ 4	9	Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland
5	7	Long Beach, California ✓
✓ 6	5	<del>Illinois</del> -Illinois area ✓
✓ 7	4	Ashley, North Dakota ✓
✓ 8	2	Norton AFB, California ✓
✓ 9	1	Big Moose Lake, New York ✓
✓ 10	1	Pointe, <sup>1953</sup> <sub>a</sub> Guadalupe Island ✓

## DECEMBER 1953 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
1	Dayton, Ohio		Insufficient Data
3	Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Ground (RADAR)	Insufficient Data
3	North Truro, Massachusetts	Ground (RADAR)	A/C
		Air (RADAR & Visual)	
3	Belmar, New York		Insufficient Data
4	Houston, Texas		Balloon
8	Gulf of Siam (HO Bulletin)(INFO)	████████ (Luminous Light	Waves).....
8	St Louis, Missouri	████████	A/C (B-50)
9	Thule AB, Greenland	Air Visual (Military)	Astro (METEOR SHOWER)
10	Columbus, Indiana	████████	Insufficient Data
10	Maryland-Pennsylvania Area	Multiple Gd & Air	Astro (METEOR)
11	Lake Ontario Canada (Newsclipping)(INFO)	████████	
11	Rome, New York	████████	Astro (METEOR)
12	Gulf of Mexico (HO Bulletin)(INFO)	████████ (Unusual vertical meteor)	.....
13	Caribbean Sea (HO Bulletin)(INFO)	████████	.....
13	Albuquerque, New Mexico	████████	Balloon
14	Panama City, Florida	Many Observers	Balloon
15	Idaho Falls, Idaho	████████	Insufficient Data
16	Ft Belvoir, Virginia	████████	Astro (SUN DOG)
16	Mediterranean Area	Military (RADAR)	Other (RADAR ANALYSIS)
16	Agoura, California	Gd & Air Visual by Lockheed Personnel	
17	Hassleholm, Sweden	████████	Other (LENTICULAR CLOUD)
17	22.30N 158W (Pacific)	████████	UNIDENTIFIED
24	El Cajon, California	████████	A/C
26	North Korea	Military Air	UNIDENTIFIED
27	Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania	████████	Balloon
27	Madison, Connecticut (MISSING)	████████	Astro (JUPITER)
28	Marysville, California	████████	A/C
28	Minneapolis, Minnesota	████████	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Paris, France (Fowler)(INFO)	████████ PHOTO	Astro (METEOR)
29	Rock Springs, Wyoming	████████	Insufficient Data
30	Miami, Florida	████████	Balloon
31	San Jacinto & Palm Springs, Calif	Mil & Civ	Other (MISSILE/ROCKET)
31	Seal Beach, California	Civilian	Other (MISSILE/ROCKET)
31	Quantico, Virginia	Military Multi Air Visual	Other (Grimes Light on A/C)